

## Some Chat Theatrical



JOHN DREW.

JOHN DREW, the actor, who was thrown from his horse recently in Central park, New York, and suffered a broken collar bone, is noted for his coolness and self control both off and on the stage. One of the stories told to bear out this statement is the following: In the early part of his career it happened that Drew for some reason or other learned to take and send messages on the telegraph ticker. Harry Vernon, a friend of his and a skilled telegraph operator himself, was working at that time in the office of a certain manager who was negotiating with Drew. When the talk between the actor and manager worked round to the question of terms Drew hesitated to stand out for what he wanted. Finally the manager made an offer. The actor was on the point of acceptance when the ticker began to sound. Vernon was the operator.

"Drew, Drew, Drew!" it ticked. "Listen, listen! Hold off terms a minute. Ask for ten more. He said he'd give it before you came in."

With a calm and impassive expression of deliberate consideration, Drew looked thoughtfully at the manager while he rapped with a pencil on the desk the dots and dashes which were for "Vernon, are you sure?"

"Sure!" came the clicks.

Then Drew spoke and got his price.

Jane Noria, one of the new singers in grand opera who is attracting no little attention, is a native of St. Louis, who, under her own name of Ludwig after one year of training under Capoul and Bonhy, was engaged by Henry Savage for his company in this country. She returned to France, and at the opera there she is said to have es-



JANE NORIA

sayed such roles as Juliette, Marguerite, Nedda, Elsa, Elisabeth and Aida. She has filled engagements in Monte Carlo, Ostend and Italy. Not yet thirty years old, she is in private life the wife of Gino Centanuli, who is private secretary to Julius Gatti-Casazza.

Julian Mitchell, the eminent producer of big theatrical ensembles, who staged "The Merry Widow and The Devil" in which the Joe Weber Travesty company is on tour, has a serious mien, but a dry humor which is all his own. He heartily dislikes personal praise and most of all an expression of gratitude.

Just before the famous beauty chorus of the organization left Joe Weber's theater in New York city they decided to tell the great stage director how much they appreciated his wonderful training. Pretty Mildred de Silva was chosen as spokeswoman.

"The girls want me to tell you, Mr. Mitchell," said she, "how much we are indebted to you. We feel that you have taught us all we know."

Mitchell listened attentively with strained features, for he is very deaf. Then he turned away saying:

"All you know? Don't mention such a trifling matter!"

"It is odd how difficult children find the comprehension of the Roman numerals," said Marie Booth Russell.

## Stories of Stage Folk

Robert Mantell's brilliant leading woman, recently, "I have often heard of the youthful student of English history who said he never could remember whether 'James One Eye' or 'Charles One Eye' was beheaded, but he was sure that awful old 'Richard Three Eyes' murdered the dear little princes in the Tower of London. "A new one, however, reached me the other day when this contribution was made to the juvenile annals of New Orleans: The hopeful son had been taken to see all of Mr. Mantell's plays during the week as a matter of education. Asked which he liked best, he unhesitatingly replied that 'Louis Cross Eye' was his favorite. Our evening bill had been De la Vigne's 'Louis XI.'"



"CHOEY" WEBER'S SMILE.

JOE WEBER, whose burlesque of "The Merry Widow and the Devil" is now on tour, is a dapper little man who has such small feet that he has to wear ladies' shoes. Another conspicuous feature of Mr. Weber's permanent makeup is the Thespian appearance of his slightly gray locks.

Just around the corner from the famous Joe Weber theater in New York is an Italian boot polishing establishment. As the comedian passed it one morning a son of Italy with visage grotesquely besmirched with blacking accosted him with "Shine, boss? Five cents!"

Joe looked down at his shoes and up at the bootblack. "No," said he, "but I'll give you a quarter if you will go and wash your face."

Always on the alert for gain, Tony complied with alacrity and came hurrying back for his reward. Weber examined him critically and held out the coin. But, to his astonishment, Tony, with a look of proud disdain, said, "You keepa da mon and maka da gran' hair cut."

There have been some odd importations of foreign novelties for vaudeville stunts since that form of entertainment became the rage here, but probably the strangest of all is about to come. This is an act by some of the deserted wives of the deposed sul-



WIVES OF SULTAN IN VAUDEVILLE

tan of Turkey. When Abdul Hamid was taken off the throne most of his better halves were left to shift for themselves, and some of them went into vaudeville, at present exhibiting themselves in Europe. They soon will visit America.

George Nash, who plays so effectively the role of Vavin in Augustus Thomas' new play, "The Harvest Moon," has turned author. He has written an article on the proposition that acting is primarily an appeal to the eye rather than to the ear. In this article he relates this interesting anecdote of the late Joseph Jefferson: "A good voice has made many a bad actor." Mr. Jefferson used to say, "For what does an actor with a good voice do to make himself a good actor? Nothing. He comes out upon the stage and listens to himself making pretty sounds, and," added Mr. Jefferson, "nobody else does."

"There is nothing vicious about the American aborigine," said Frederick R. Seaton recently, who stands in a class by himself as a portrayal of the Indian on the stage, "and it is wrong to say that he has no sense of humor."

"I remember when I first met old Tail Feather, chief of the Chilkats. He had been told that, unlike most 'pale-faces,' I trusted the noble red man. Through the half breed interpreter he said he was glad I did and that my faith was well founded."

"Then he handed me a cake of brown soap, told me it was maple sugar, and—I had to eat it."

Frank Daniels, who is starring in a new play this season called "The Belle of Brittany," was asked recently what class of people who go to the theaters laugh the loudest. "Those that come in on free tickets," he promptly replied. "I can always pick out the man who comes in on a lithograph ticket. He never stops laughing, but when you are figuring out that you have won him you have to deduct 60 per cent from your enthusiasm. He's pleased to death with the play, but what ticks him most is the fact that he hasn't had to pay. Whenever I hear any particularly vociferous approbation on my entrance I am always afraid to ask about the receipts."



DANIELS AS THE MARQUIS

Among other things, Miss Marie Russell, the actress, is considered an authority on physical culture for women, and she is often asked how she reduces her weight.

In New Orleans recently an actress in another company playing the same city came to her and said, "Miss Russell, I want to become as slender as you are. What do you consider the most satisfactory exercise for an actress?"

"A long run on Broadway," said Miss Russell.

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### MANY MOTORDROMES.

Plans Being Completed For Several Big Auto Racing Plants.

From present indications it will not be long before the automobile world will see a chain of motordromes extending from coast to coast. At present there are circular auto speedways at Atlanta and Indianapolis. Plans have been completed for similar structures in New York and in Detroit. It is understood that a strong movement is under way to provide Chicago with a motordrome, and now work has been started on a big Los Angeles track. In the event of all the proposed motordromes being completed it will give this country a well linked chain for circular track speed contests.

The California motordrome will be a most pretentious plant. A special effort will be made to have the structure completed in about three months. Plans have been made to stage the opening speed pageant next April. The hurried construction of the track is made necessary by the fact that weeks of testing will be required before the formal opening.

The present plans call for a circular track. It will be of the "saucer" type, special attention being paid to the banking at the turns. The track will be one mile in circumference. With the adopting of plans calling for a wood roadbed the promoters made a decided departure from the usual line followed in motordrome construction. The track will be built of heavy timbers, planked with finished lumber. The banking all the way round will be so steep as to permit of 120 miles an hour speed with comparative safety.

Howard Coaching Yale Seven. Thomas Howard of Winnipeg, Man., who coached the Yale hockey team last season, is again acting in the same position.

### SPORTING BRIEFS

The Eel, 2024, gray wonder, has been barred from the Ottawa free-for-all contest and will not race on the ice circuit as a result.

Syracuse rowing candidates will have pictures of the winning varsity eight thrown upon a screen as a means of instilling spirit into them.

The Ottawa Canoe club will enter Gordon Johnson, their 100 yard national swimming champion, in some of the important races in the United States next season.

Fred Taylor of Ottawa turned down an offer of \$2,000 cash for a ten weeks' season of hockey offered him by the Renfrew club of Ontario. Rivalry is keen among the clubs there.

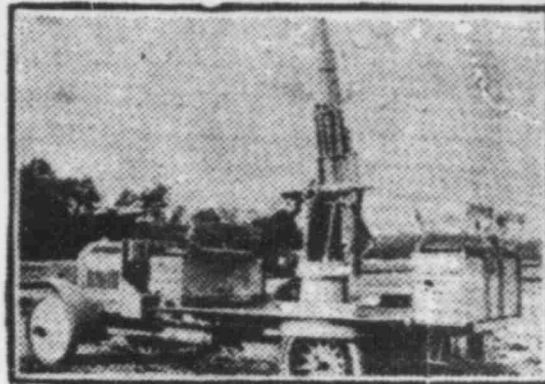
John Lemm, the Swiss heavyweight wrestler who is now in this country, is a man slightly under the average height, but he is very stocky. He weighs at 196 pounds and is tremendously muscled. He has a splendid reputation abroad as a catch-as-catch-can wrestler.

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## Some New Inventions Talked About

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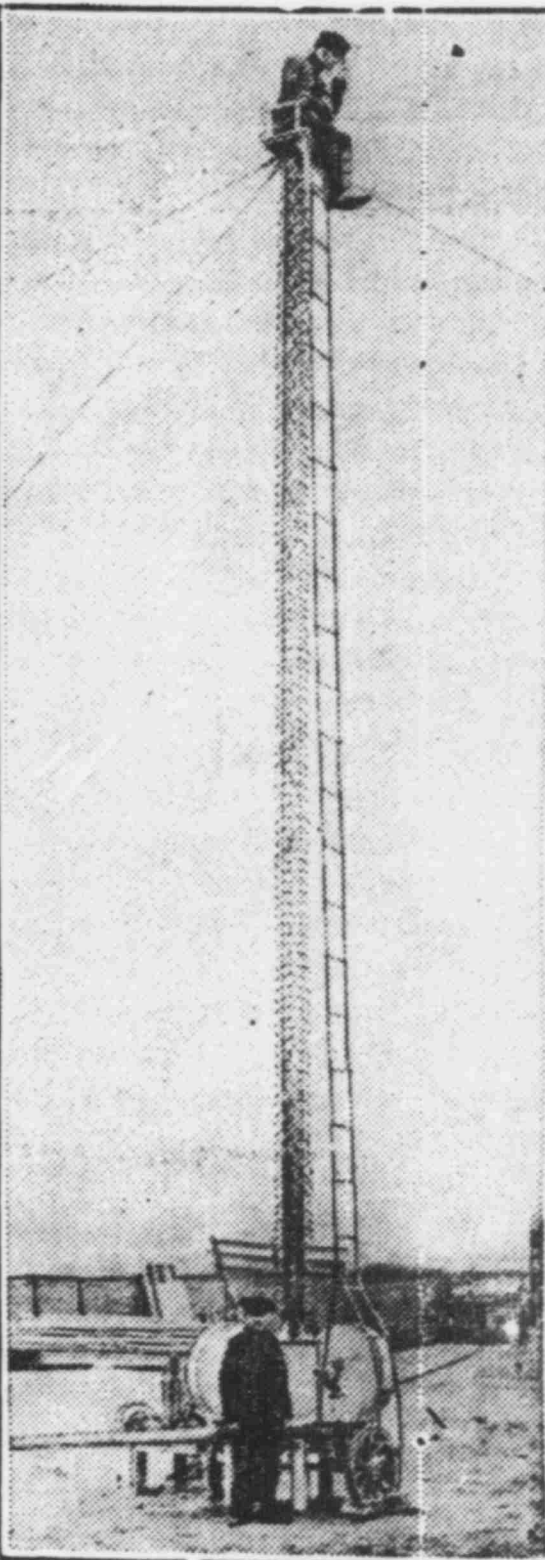


A NEW AUTOMOBILE SKY FIGHTER

recently, and one of the latest inventions is shown in the accompanying illustration. The automobile is provided with an engine of fifty horsepower, which gives the car an average speed of seventy-two miles an hour. All four wheels are propelled so that uneven ground and steep grades can be overcome. When a shot is fired struts are placed under the platform to relieve the wheels and axles.

A new invention in observation towers that is arousing much interest in army circles throughout the world is shown in the accompanying illustration. Like a fountain from a basin, the new steel mast, called "Fontana," raises in a few minutes from its case to a height of over thirty yards, and this principle will allow even higher masts to be built.

The new patent has revolutionized all former ideas of supporting such masts and is constructed contrary to



A NEW OBSERVATION TOWER.

former systems. It also can carry a fair weight. The greatest achievement is the creation of an observation point in such brief time, which is of immense value in war. The invention is considered phenomenal in modern

### A Thrilling Rescue

How Bert R. Lean, of Cheny, Wash. was saved from a frightful death is a story to thrill the world. "A hard cold," he writes, "brought on a desperate lung trouble that baffled an expert doctor here. Then I paid \$10 to \$15 a visit to a lung specialist in Spokane, who did not help me. Then I went to California, but without benefit. At last I used Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured and now I am as well as ever." For lung trouble, bronchitis, coughs and colds, asthma, croup and whooping cough its supreme. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Banner Drug Store.

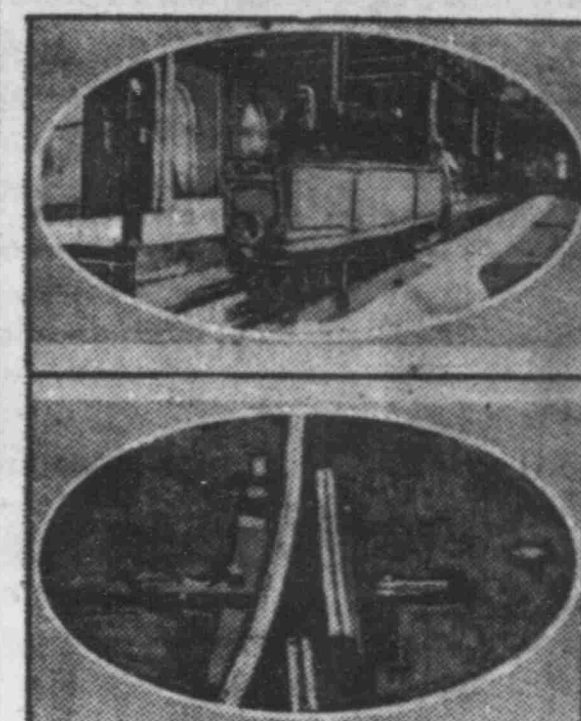
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Much has been written recently about the Brennan gyroscope car being ex-



GERMAN MODEL OF MONORAIL CAR—DETAILS OF MONORAIL POINTS.

hibited in England, but another invention along the same lines is also attracting great attention abroad and is soon to be brought to this country and demonstrations made in several of the big cities. This is the monorail car constructed by Augustus Scherl proprietor of the Lokalanzeiger. The system, which is known as the Scherl monorail, recently had its first public demonstration in Germany. It is capable of carrying quite as heavy a ballast of passengers or freight as the Brennan vehicle.

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### BASKETBALL PARLOR-LIKE.

Rules Changed to Do Away With Personal Contests During Game.

Practically all of the eastern colleges were represented at the annual conference called by the intercollegiate basketball rules committee to discuss and interpret the rules at Columbia university, New York, recently. Over thirty captains, managers, coaches and officials were present to offer suggestions which their experience had made them think would benefit the game.

The committee pointed out that the changes which have been made in the rules have as their purpose an elimination of personal contact, the players being instructed that instead of following the man they should follow the ball. Mr. Fisher of Columbia illustrated this point and showed that this season the team which devotes all its attention to the course of the ball will have a distinct advantage over the team that plays the old style of close hugging guarding game.

Cochran Keimath of Pennsylvania criticised the alterations on the ground that they would keep down the scoring and so render the game uninteresting. Keimath contended that the spectators enjoyed the game where there was plenty of scoring and that a contest in which there is continual close guarding and a correspondingly low score becomes dull and uninteresting and that the game will be killed as a result.

Special attention is to be given this year to the referee. Chairman Hyatt of Yale cautioned the officials present against allowing holding and warned them to enforce the rules very strictly. A list of approved officials, such as has been the custom with the football rules committee, has been prepared and sent to all the institutions where the game is played. A method of checking the work of these officials has also been devised by the committee. After each game the captains of the two teams are required to send in a criticism of the work of the official.

In order to prevent unnecessary delay a team may ask for time out only three times in each half. Another change is that when a player touches the boundary line he will be called out of bounds instead of when he puts one foot entirely out of the court. When the ball is returned from out of bounds without being touched by a player it is considered dead.

A lot of time was taken up in discussing a proposed rule forbidding the player to make a leap or take a long step before dribbling, passing or throwing for the basket, and the rule was modified so that the ball has to leave the player's hand before the foot brought up from behind touches the floor.

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